

THE OUTCROP.

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Developing Syndicates

It is now generally acknowledged that the mine prospecting syndicates will in a few years hence entirely take the development of mineral claims out of the hands of the individual prospector, and this will not only be a good thing for the prospector but will be much better for the country generally. Indeed, at the present time these prospecting syndicates are so numerous that it has become an extremely difficult matter for the individual prospector to get a mining company to look at a property, and each year adds to the difficulties.

These syndicates are composed of about ten men who hold a likely-looking prospect, often allowing the original owner to hold some interest, and then push development until they have a good showing of ore. Then the syndicate seeks a mining company, with big capital, and offers to pay all the expenses of the company's mining expert if they will only send him to make an examination and report. If the company buys the property the company pays the expert, if not, the syndicate pays and takes the report.

Thus, it is plainly evident that the ordinary prospector no longer has much chance of getting a company to take notice of what he may have to offer, however good a showing his prospect may have. The prospector puts what little capital he has and his own labor into developing his claims, and very few, if any, can go to the extent of offering to pay the expense that the examination and report of an experienced mining engineer would be—which ranges all the way from \$500 to \$1000 and upwards.

Naturally, the old-time prospectors do not all look upon these syndicates in a favorable light, yet they themselves are largely responsible for this new order of things. In the past the prospector has too often misused the confidence bestowed upon him, and instances innumerable might be quoted wherein companies have sent their representatives hundreds of miles and at great expense only to return and report as—we think it was—Mark Twain said, "a hole in the ground, whose own is invariably a liar."

So great a factor have these syndicates become with their methods that right here in the Windermere district we know of an eastern mining company who refused to send their expert here this season unless the claim owners would put up several hundred dollars as a forfeit should the claims not prove as represented.

While in a way this may seem a hardship on the prospector, yet it will be a benefit to holders of meritorious properties and the country generally.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

The Public Schools open on Monday, after a vacation lasting eight weeks.

Little Phill Karahoe got poisoned with poison ivy on Monday, but is recovering.

Geo. Rehder, manager of the Wilmer Mercantile Co., has been seriously ill since Saturday, but is now somewhat improved.

A dance will be given in the Atholmer Hall tomorrow (Friday) evening. The object is—dance and have a good time. Every person is invited to attend.

There are more mines seeking out in the Windermere district right now than there ever was before, and it is more than probable that others will be added to the list before much time.

The Outcrop is on sale at A. R. Tate's Drug Store, Wilmer.

Miss Ford arrived from Duncan by Wilmer's boat to take charge of the Wilmer Public School.

E. C. Bell is taking a week's holiday from the Peterson Trading Company's store and on Saturday went up No. 3 creek to visit some mineral claim he is interested in.

Mrs. W. R. Beatty arrived at Windermere by last steamer from New Denver to join her husband, who is now working the Dolphin mine under lease with most favorable results.

According to two breeders, a lawyer and an editor living in Cranbrook, that town has some of the toughest boys on earth—boys owned by the other fellow always were, are, and will be, the worst.

Just one week from today the shooting season opens out sympathetically with the duck and chicken. Some of the best sports say there are more duck and chicken in this district this season than for several years.

Once a railway is constructed through this valley the Windermere district will keep all other districts in British Columbia from shipping silver-lead ore to keep ahead—that is, if it may judge from the big glass showings already uncovered in this district.

Among the latest finds of the Summer girls are sunburned initials on their arms. Short skirts, initials cut from black court plaster, and affixed to the arm, and the sun will do the rest, leaving the letters in pink and white on the sunburned skin.

Mr. Carle, a well known British writer and expert, in a recent financial brochure says that the British Empire produces 70 per cent of the present output of gold, and the two English speaking countries, Canada and the United States, produce nearly the whole of the rest of the world. The financial center of the world, the financial industry of London, and as long as it continues to control the world's production of gold the British people shall be the most successful in the world.

Johnny Watson has been at Windermere since the first of the week. He has been at his home in Hilson, Man., for over two years, and with a varied career up the valley several weeks ago and crossed the divide below Simla to the Kootenay valley, where they have since been camping. Johnny was one of the original owners of the Paradise mine, and as he once remarked: "I got more money from this claim than I had ever thought of making." He was a hard-working man and everyone was pleased to see him make a strike. He deserved all he got—more, he has earned good cause of it, and the country is richer by a mine.

Bob Winfield and H. L. Anne went down the river on Monday to Carbonate, where they were to meet Dr. Kingston, F. Lang and F. Cottle and take supplies up McDermid creek. They will take more of them on since last summer for the Beaver Canyon Mining Co., which will make the tunnel about 900 feet long and it is expected that the ledge will be reached. It is expected this work will be finished by the end of November and the work group over which there has been so much litigation in years gone by will have all been ended by allowing the license of the old company to expire and re-taking the company. The group is now in possession of the entire history of the group, but it will take several weeks to go through them and put them in a brief readable form, but the whole matter is most interesting and should be of value to mining men and prospectors.

After Long Illness.

"The plates on the table looked strange to me, though I have used them forty years. The pictures on the walls seemed to hang in new places. The very carpets had a novel coloring, as if they had been at some magic cleansing and dyeing establishment." Dear Aunt Mary was telling her favorite niece her "queer" feelings after long illness. She was unconscious that she was repeating the story that has been told by convalescents from the time of Hazlitt till the present day.

"Familiar things take on a disguise to the recovering eye. Even the face of a friend bears a new depth of meaning. 'I did lose to look at me with such friendly interest?' Did she clasp my hand so warmly? Was her voice so gentle and her word so full of hope and courage before I was sick?"

To the human creature just returning to life after lingering for days at the gates of death, the whole world assumes a new aspect. Even humblest objects seem to say: "You came near leaving us forever. No wonder you forgot our shapes and colors." And the warm, conscious, loving friend bends over you with eyes and voice saying: "See, I love you more truly than before I knew how I should miss you!" So after long illnesses, as after a hard winter, the world breaks into a new and blossoming spring—YOUTH'S Companion.

Mozart's Musical Memory.

Mozart had a wonderful memory of musical sounds. When only fourteen years of age he went to Rome to assist in the necessities of his mother. Immediately after his arrival he went to the Sixtine chapel to hear the famous "Miserere" of Allegri. Being asked that it was his intention to take of a copy of this renowned piece of music, Mozart placed himself in a corner and gave the strictest attention to the music, not so he could write it down, but to fix it in his mind. A few days afterward, when he returned to his own city, following the music with his own copy in his hand, satisfied himself of the fidelity of his memory. The next day he sang the "Miserere" at a concert, accompanying himself on the harpsichord, and the performance produced such a sensation in Rome that Pope Clement XIV. requested that this musical prodigy should be presented to him at once.

A Story of Whittaker.

One day Whittaker entered the atelier of his class in Paris and found that the background had been arranged behind the model, so that he could be substituted, and he scraped the red paint of the canvas of one of the pupils, put his place in the background. But the red would show through. He scraped, studied and worked laboriously to get something like the desired line. The rest of the class surrounded the easel and eagerly watched the master. He said to them: "I suppose you know what I am trying to do?" "Oh, yes, sir," they all chorused. "Well, what do you think?" he replied grandly and left the place.

What Puzzled Him.

A well known clubman entered a police station and said to the sergeant: "I would like to have an interview with you, but I am sorry to hear of your breaking into my house last night." Sergeant: "I don't know that I can allow you unless you first tell me what you want to see him about." Mr. Clubman: "Oh, there's nothing secret about it. I just want to find out how he got into my house so easily; it's more than I can do at night."

Cheerful and Hopeful.

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life, says Charles Kingsley, have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces and took the changes and chances of their mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came, and so found the truth of the old proverb that "good times had and bad times all times pass over."

Legal Eloquence.

A young lawyer concluded his argument with the following sublime line burst of eloquence: "If, gentlemen of the jury, the defendant's honor that burden you arrested for breaking into my house last night." Sergeant: "I don't know that I can allow you unless you first tell me what you want to see him about." Mr. Clubman: "Oh, there's nothing secret about it. I just want to find out how he got into my house so easily; it's more than I can do at night."

Lonely.

"Teddle—Pa, when do we get our milk from? Father—From cows, my son. Teddle—And where do cows get their milk from? Father—Why, Teddle, where do you get your tears? Teddle, after a long thoughtful pause—Do they have to be cows, pa?"

A Man to Be Avoided.

Briggs—To Olds. Let's cross over, Griggs—Why, I thought he was a friend of yours. Briggs—He used

Fairmont Hot Springs

Now that this district bids fair to become the center of much speculation and attraction by the advent of railway construction The Outcrop will from now on endeavor to give all the information possible concerning it. We will start at the southern end of the Windermere district, where on the east side of the valley are located the Fairmont Hot Springs.

Their existence was known as far back as 1841, when they were visited by Sir George Simpson. He describes them in his narrative of "An Overland Journey Round the World," as follows:

"Near our encampment, we observed that the stones in the bed of a little stream were covered with a yellow crust. Before starting for the day, Berland conducted us to three hot springs, about a mile distant, which doubtless cause the phenomenon in question. The water tasted slightly of alum, and appeared to contain a little magnesia; and, though we neglected to take our thermometer with us, yet, on returning to camp, we estimated the three temperatures respectively at about ninety, a hundred and a hundred and twenty degrees. Two winters back, Berland, while suffering from a severe illness, made a bathing place of these springs; and he further actually was or believed that he was, benefited by them."

There is not the slightest doubt these springs have benefited many, who were suffering from rheumatic pains and other complaints, through their bathing in them, and they have now acquired more than a local reputation. They are close to the well kept stopping place of Mr. S. Brewer, but they are not on his ranch, which is more the pity, as they would be kept in better condition, and might be enclosed over spring last year and dug it deeper and larger so that now it is easily kept clear of the snow that forms quickly. The springs are distant from the wagon road and Mr. Brewer's house about three-quarters of a mile, and were originally three in number, but different ones have since been made by digging, although Dr. George M. Dawson of the Geological and Natural History of Canada, who visited these springs in 1883, speaks of only two, and these calling it a hot spring. In his description he says:

"At the first stream from the east beyond it lower end of the Upper Columbia lake, and about two miles distant from it, is a copious hot spring. It is about half a mile east of the trail, on the slope of a hill, and issues in several places from the summit and sides of a rounded, calcareous knoll formed by its deposit. The main efflux, at the summit of the knoll, has produced a raised basin, which within measures about eight by four feet, and is two feet deep, forming an admirable natural bath. The discharge at this place is probably not less than twenty gallons per minute, and the temperature of the water at this (the hottest) point, was found to be 112° F. There is no discharge of gas, but the water has a slight styptic saline taste. The brook immediately south of, and opposite the spring, has formed a miniature canon by cutting for a considerable distance, through calcareous tufa, which is impregnated, flaggy layers, forms a thick deposit, covering the gravelly material of the higher terraces."

In November of 1897 Mr. Thos. McNaught, now manager of the famous Haydon Hot Springs Kootenay, visited these springs and wrote the following:

"The principal characteristic of these springs apart from the hot temperature of the water, is their decidedly strong magnesia flavor. A foot path or trail from Mr. Brewer's ranch which is known as Fairmont Springs, leads to them. Crossing a small ledge, two plateaus are reached and on approaching the upper

plateau in the direction of the Springs, a small circular hill in appearance presents itself. It is nothing more than a rounded protuberance, bulging from the front of the plateau and which has been formed by the action of the mineral water. It appears to be composed entirely of calcareous matter, the magnesia sediment ejected by the water, and is thickly covered with flakes of this matter. On the top of this rounded protuberance which is on a comparative level with the surrounding plateau, are the springs."

A natural basin in the form of a horseshoe, about nine feet long and from three to four and a half feet wide at the broadest part, receives the waters of the first spring. This basin is about fifteen inches deep and has the appearance of being constructed of limestone, while the walls are of some height. A more perfect open-air bath could scarcely have been constructed by hands of man than what has been formed through the natural action of the water. The spring which supplies this basin is about twenty yards distant. The water runs down over the flat top of the circular hill and falls into the bath, and its overflow does not carry far, as it soon disappears. The area which the spring occupies is several feet in extent and the action is not seen, as a heavy white steam covers the whole area.

Apparently, however, the springs have many sources through which the water wells up. The waters are very warm, but there are no means of obtaining information as to the exact temperature; it might be anywhere between 100 and 90 degrees.

Number two spring is to the right and distant thirty yards from number one. It is situated on a small rising declivity and is apparently of the same nature, although a few degrees warmer. The water is also received in a natural basin six feet long, three feet wide and about seventeen inches deep. There are two springs close by, whose waters mingle with the waters of this spring. One is about thirty feet away and the other ten feet further. Their action can be seen, and the former appears to give the stronger supply. The same steam covers up the springs.

Number three spring: "The Boulder" is the most interesting, as its action can be seen, welling and bubbling up out of a crevice in the rock. It is an entirely slightly rising eminence, and is about forty yards from number two. The orifice out of which the water bubbles up is a crater, about a circle in diameter a foot or so, and is about eighteen inches deep. The waters flow over the slope, after coming out of its basin, apparently nowhere and then disappear, sinking down through the ground about forty yards away. The same white steam is here, but the action of the water is too powerful to permit of its being covered up. Whether owing to the strong flow of water, the basin which receives it is not so perfectly rounded and is about fifteen inches in depth. The temperature of the water is a little higher than number two. Health is growing around the spring and covers a flat surface about six yards in extent.

(To be continued.)

R. Tapping is here making a very successful tour through East Kootenay in the interest of the Oregon Nurses Co. He contemplates purchasing a town lot in Windermere and erecting a home to reside in during the summer with his wife and family, he being greatly interested with Windermere as a place for health, beauty and progress. Mr. Tapping has been from Everett and says he is making great rates of first-class, guaranteed fruit trees at right prices. Place your order with him. He carries the best of references.

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WEALTH GROWS

A well-known clergyman of this city says that no man can acquire one million dollars in a lifetime without robbing somebody. That sounds well to me because I have not the million. It is more comfortable to feel that we have been injured than that we have injured somebody, but let us consider first the factors of production and then the division of that which is produced. To the three factors, land, labor and capital, we must add ability to increase production and get the most out of that which has been produced. If the man who can make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before takes to himself one-fourth of the increased product and lets three-fourths go to society, society gets a very good bargain. Nobody will say that the man whose ability has thus enriched society is not entitled to a fair return to himself. There is a blind idea that if a man has money, he must have taken it

from somebody who had it before him—that there is a fixed amount of wealth which is being handed round. That is not so at all. New wealth is being produced all the time. In the last forty years the population of the United States has increased two and a half times; the wealth of the country in the same period has increased six times, and everybody has got some benefit from it. In savings banks today there are two billion five hundred thousand dollars belonging to five million four hundred thousand persons. We are too apt to forget the widespread blessings that flow to all the people as the result of great executive ability, mining and the inventions of the few; and the men who have accomplished the great things are the most poorly paid, no matter how wealthy they may be.—"Little Mac."

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Croppings

Miss Booth of New Westminster is in charge of the Athalmer Public School, having arrived by the last steamer.

Nearly all of the excursionists to Golden last week took the opportunity to visit the Hospital, where George Chamberlain and Jim McKinley are confined. The latter has been in the Hospital for some months, suffering with rheumatism, but was recovering slowly and able to walk about. Geo. Chamberlain underwent a rather serious operation a couple of weeks ago, having suffered for sometime with an abscess on the liver, but he was rapidly recovering and was sitting out on a verandah. Golden may well be proud of its Hospital, for it would be a credit to a town of twice its population. The Hospital is well and neatly equipped, and the spacious grounds around it are nicely laid out. It was very thoughtful of the excursionists to visit their sick friends and the kind act will not soon be forgotten by the patients or Mrs. Chamberlain, who was constantly with her husband while in Golden.

J. W. Gambel, Provincial Government Engineer, as expected came over the divide from West Kootenay last week and went down the river on the Ptarmigan. Owing to the fact that on the way down he visited the Shonrock group of claims, adjoining the Paradise, in which he is interested, he did not reach Wilmer until Sunday evening, when he went on board the steamer soon after, and few had an opportunity of meeting him. However, it was learned that he came up Hamall creek from Argenta for the purpose of inspecting the road up that creek now under construction to the mines situated over the summit from here. This road is nearly completed and will cost the Legislature and mine owners in the neighborhood of \$10,000. It is stated that part of Mr. Gambel's mission was to report as to the advisability of continuing this road so over the summit to connect with the Toby creek road, but it is understood that he came to the conclusion that the probable travel over it at the present time would not warrant the cost of its construction. At any rate, this conclusion seems to be shared by the general public here. Yet it is sincerely hoped that Toby road will be opened this fall from Spring creek to North Fork.

LAWYERS PATRON SAINT

Editor Simpson of the Cranbrook Herald has been east to the St. Louis Fair and other points. During his absence two ministers and a lawyer took turns in editing the paper and made a good job of it. Here is some remarks by the lawyer, G. H. Thompson:

Thank the Lord I am not an editor. I am working night shifts on a special line of prayers for Old Man Simpson. He needs all he can get.

When the Old Man went away, to spend part of his millions, and instructed me to look after his interests this week, I told him I would take politics; but I am reformed (not Reformed) and won't.

At a meeting of the members of the Cranbrook Law Association the other day, it was unanimously decided that the next man who gets off that "bar and lawyer" joke on any one of us will find himself seriously injured. We don't mind the sentiment, because everybody knows it isn't true, but we do hate its age and nasty smell.

Talking about lawyers, did you ever hear how they got a patron saint? It is told by one of the ancient authors, that every profession, business and calling except law had a patron saint, and the lawyers in convocation assembled, determined to apply for one to His Holiness, the Pope. As the church of that day was just out of saints, and as they couldn't find any lawyer who had become one (it not being necessary), the request for a whole individual saint was refused, but they were told that one of their members could enter St. Peter's blindfolded, walk around three times, and the first saint whose image he touched, would take upon his shoulders the multifarious woes of the law society in addition to his other labors. The leading judge of the time was chosen to perform the duty, but alas, the first image he touched was that of His Sanctious Majesty, "whereupon," saith the chronicler, "the people cried with a loud voice

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